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Letters to father. v. 2 1886-87



Princeton, N. J.,  
Sept. 16, '86

Dear Papa,

Have arrived safely.  
Met Frank Adams at Mt.  
Union. Stayed at the Girard  
until next noon. Mr. Mc  
Atee was there, and Mr.  
Chambers from Hunting-  
don. Got to Princeton  
in time for dinner.  
We are getting settled  
now. The Freshman class  
is a very large one,  
numbering, from what  
I have seen, almost 40  
more than our class  
did. The Sophomores have

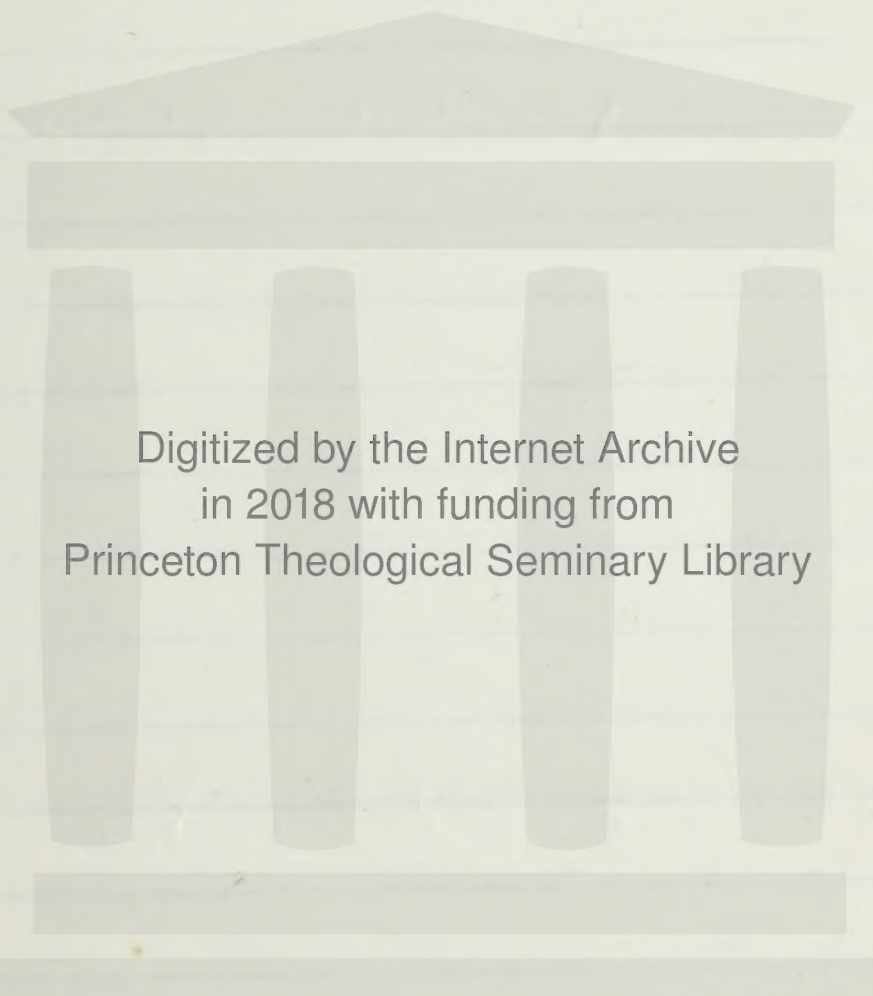
been put to work im-  
mediately so that there  
will be little time to  
attend to the Fresh-  
men.

I called on Judge  
Purist's son last even-  
ing. He seems in <sup>need</sup>  
of some rough experience.

It is a wet, disagreeable  
and sultry day. I hear  
that there are over  
150 students at the  
Theological Seminary.

With much love to all

Your son,  
Rob.



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Princeton, N. J.  
Sept. 26, '86.

Dear Papa,

The day is cloudy and very windy. Dean Murray preached this morning on the text from Timothy, "Keep that which is committed to thy trust."

There is a young Speir, a small fellow, in the Freshman class, from Orange, New Jersey. I looked him up and talked to him about ball.

The work so far this year has not been nearly so pleasant as last year.

It may change though after  
cold weather and closer  
application have come.

Mathers from Mifflin,  
and Sharon and Barnett,  
whose sister was at  
Wilson College with M  
ry, are in '90. The two  
last named, are from  
Juniata County some pla

Dr. Frothingham the new  
Art professor delivered  
his first lecture on Thu  
day. He comes from Joh  
Hopkins University.

We have Prof. Sloane,  
whom Aunt Clara and  
Uncle Stewart met in  
Yellowstone Park, in  
Universal History. He  
is not so clear as  
he might be.

First, the Republican con-  
didate for governor, who  
has an extraordinary open  
noon. I could not get  
off from recitations to  
hear him. Mr. McCash  
& I heard, made some re-  
marks. I don't believe  
Mr. McCash understands  
his own position quite  
clearly.

I am watching the life  
of a galaxy. It is very  
quiet and peaceful but  
there is a strange far  
distance in the depth  
story of human endeavor  
struggle.

Love sweet love

John  
Rae



Princeton, N. J.  
Oct. 3, '56.

Dear Papa

The last few days  
have been very cool the  
overcast was needed  
in the evening. Today  
it is slightly warmer

Mr. Duffield preached  
this morning in the  
class room to a large  
aud. the most popular  
man in college

I have two packages to  
write one on the "House  
French" the other probably  
on "Beyers' Fable." I will  
be happy to respond

of the ...  
Government ...  
gives opportunity for ...  
others

I had been in the ...  
Administration for ...  
... of ...  
"the Country ..."  
... on Thursday ...  
I found the ...  
... there ...  
... from ...  
... a ...  
... and ...  
... a prominent ...  
... and ...  
...  
...  
...  
...  
...  
...  
...

being the latter part  
of the winter. The animals  
are always large. Last  
year the sheep to be  
and the birds had  
crowded houses. I  
kind for the pasture  
by order of justice to  
be taken up. The  
appearing before the  
court. It was the first  
justice for speaking.

The name of our house  
has been reported for  
a few years because I  
was then there to  
live.

Very yours  
John  
1822





Pineblow, N. J.

Oct. 10, 1866.

Dear Papa

I received your answer  
at the Grand House in  
yesterday's paper. As the  
theosophical Sunday papers  
are not received here  
I have not yet read of  
the meeting in the Acad-  
emy of Music.

Wm Murray presented  
this morning. The members  
were initiated into the  
Order this last Friday  
evening. This got the  
larger number.

I will say some

other evening to the  
palladium - where Great  
Class and Great Studies  
was during the long  
palladium's past.

I still have a great  
deal of work. It takes  
some little time which  
would otherwise spend  
on lessons but it is  
in the end it will  
pay.

From the Democratic  
candidate for Governor  
has I believe a son  
in college here. He is  
not expected to never  
rust.

We are reading the  
New Testament now in  
regard to the  
page. When my

The card shell has gone  
up and it is pleasantly  
warm. The dust is terrible.  
It rained the  
last week we came  
back but not today.  
and the temperature is to  
be coming down and  
further.

Jackie Rogerson of the  
Wales Hill Church presented  
her last Sunday even  
ing.

God bless you  
and yours  
Aunt



Princeton N. J.

Oct. 17, '86.

Dear Papa,

Mr. Cameron preached  
this morning on the  
meaning and effect  
of the Crucifixion - He  
was a better sermon  
than he preached last  
year.

It has been very  
cold for the last  
few days and it has  
a few today. Sunday  
is a dreary day in  
our room - on a cold  
day without a fire  
Arthur W. H. H. H.

probably lecture has the  
winter. He has been  
taken into Ohio Mass.

Hewitt's son room a  
next to me here. He  
wishes to go home with  
him. I should like  
to go but I haven't the  
time now. Has essays  
due on Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> and  
I have not finished  
either yet.

Congressman Braden  
ridge's son, who was  
inspected for ability  
in examinations has  
returned to college.  
He is a very bright  
fellow. We have had  
at least twenty four  
men out of the

Some of the students of  
the school were some of  
the best of college  
to the large size of  
the schoolman that  
some were probably to  
be seen sometimes  
but he is too busy  
now

With much love  
From your  
mother





Puncheon, N. J.  
Oct 2 - 1840

Dear Papa

Things are running  
on in an even course  
at college. There was a  
democratic Mass-meeting  
held on Monday evening  
led by Mr. Peterson of  
Green, who is running  
for governor. It is a great  
unity of Puncheon. He has  
not a very clean record  
but has a great deal  
to do now. He wants that  
he will be down soon  
however.

He leaves for home

A rather calm day  
at sea, red, brown,  
yellow and grey, but  
my window. I like to  
be at home and in  
the woods best of  
this season. The  
sun is shining like  
some kind of season  
in the air. The  
the camera finished  
the battery and I  
lapsed. The  
today

The Philadelphia  
papers do not come  
here. The New York papers  
are received before  
breakfast. The  
news from the  
war on Sunday. The  
the paper must be

thought you to have  
and a few feet more  
to be run through the  
main way directly  
through Princeton. It  
would, I think, be a  
good thing for the  
college.

With much love

Your son,

(11)



Providence, R. I.

Oct. 30. 1886.

Dear Papa

Today has been  
dark and gloomy for  
four days now the sun  
has not shown through  
the clouds.

Dr. Parkhurst of New  
York preached a most  
excellent sermon here  
this morning on the  
text, "And the child grew  
in stature and in un-  
derstanding and in the  
fear of the Lord." It  
was the best sermon  
I have had in years.

I saw well yesterday  
was in New York to see  
some clothes which I  
much needed.

Hancey, the Republican  
candidate for governor  
of New Jersey, was seen  
in company with members  
of his last week

There has been but one  
newspaper in Princeton  
for years but this fall  
a prohibition paper has  
been started, sample  
of which I have seen  
from time to time.

We have finished our  
Latin course and to  
an examination on  
in which I got first  
rank.

By order of the

the Philadelphian Society  
on Thursday evening.  
If he were less pedantic  
he would be a more  
pleasant speaker.

I have my essay  
written but not copied.  
The hardest part is  
done.

There is a long light  
red line above the  
western sky. I hope  
it is a sign of  
clear weather.

Best regards love

Your son

Wm





Bracton, N. J.

Nov. 7, 1886

Dear Papa,

It is a raw, cold day  
It must have snowed  
somewhere last night  
The sun shines brightly  
but coldly like a winter  
sun

Mr. A. B. Hodge preached  
this morning on the danger  
of putting off salvation.  
He is very keen but not  
so sharp as Prof. Packer.

I have been elected to  
represent our class in  
a College debate, April 6  
on the question of the

Class, to come off on Louis-  
ingian's birth day. The purpose  
is the interest of a man  
given by the class of '46  
at their decennial last  
spring. I do not know the  
rules governing the debate  
as they make it almost  
the delivery of two speeches  
whereas it would give  
better training to have a  
interposed debate.

A great deal of interest  
was taken in the election  
especially the Congressional  
one here. Princeton town  
was Republican by several  
hundred majority.

At a class meeting on the  
day we elected a Lophoceros  
Reception Committee to go  
to the Union a reception to

than graduation I had the  
largest vote. The committees  
consist of thirteen.

The team is flying across  
rapidly and we have to  
go through the cabin as  
we did last year.

With much love

Your son

Rob



Princeton, N. J.

May 14, '86.

Dear Papa,

It is a bright, windy  
cold day. The bells from  
the tower for Mr. Chadge's  
death funeral heard are  
glad for a victory over  
disease yesterday Mr.  
Kedge was buried to  
morning afternoon Dr. Vincent  
preached an effective ser-  
mon this morning on "Only  
they have received their re-  
ward." In conclusion he  
spoke of Dr. Chadge's death,  
and touchingly.

Dr. Vincent was at the

hundred celebration of  
their 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
It remained until  
read his form to the  
American College, in  
which he referred to  
Princeton as "the crown  
gem of the South, surrounded  
by the river slope." Then  
old Deatchman was  
took the next train  
came home. He says he  
would not stay and  
has such words as you

There will be no celebra-  
tions tomorrow afternoon  
on account of the fact  
the road is heavily  
low

Among the numerous  
reporters at the game  
yesterday I met

near water in New York.

I had expected to see  
down some time soon  
in I suppose he will  
take several days off at  
Newspapers and go home.

I am in excellent health  
now. Weight dropped 16 lb  
with my father on 17th Nov  
I am inflated to about  
five inches. Inflated it  
measures about 24 inches.

Love much love

Yours ever  
Dad





Princeton, N. J.  
Feb. 21, 80.

Dear Papa

Dr. Hodge was buried  
on Monday. The services  
were very long. We had  
no recitations and I  
thought I ought to attend  
the funeral. Dr. Poston  
preached. Dr. Wood and  
Shedd of Union Seminary  
prayed. Dr. Hastings, I  
think, of Union conducted  
the services. Dr.  
Macintosh preached this  
morning.

A sad case has come  
to light here. Some

man in my class. As you  
repute one from Williams  
ton. But the other from  
Cape May City, have been  
caught stealing. System  
atically they have been  
the beginning of their  
train. Stolen books are  
fast books and papers  
and have been printed  
they left college. The first  
of one was several years  
ago. I hear many of  
Burlington. His name  
one was last year and  
attended at the New  
prayer meetings and a  
infrequently participated  
in them. Our class has  
been peculiarly unpopu-  
lar in losing men for  
criminals.

have been known and  
good when they came  
to College has been under  
impure influences. The  
Treat of Character are  
less than which pass  
through the fire without  
the steel coming upon  
their garments are not  
many.

The day is beautiful, and  
cool. The storm of which  
I see notices in the  
papers, was not damaging  
any. The rain-fall was  
heavy.

Love most true  
Your son  
R. C.



Princeton, N. J.

Dec. 2 '85.

Dear Papa,

Today is the coldest we have so far had. It is windy, but bright and clear.

I spent the Thanksgiving vacation from Friday until Monday with Nat and in Philadelphia. It was a pleasant time.

I met Mr. and Mrs. Blair at Scott's one even-  
ing, and Mr. Peckey and  
Elsie at Ella Blair's. I was  
also there.

Excuse me yours

line words, and so on  
as we see of that  
to some probably the  
reading of 23<sup>d</sup> I have  
lent me \$125.

For Christmas I shopped  
like a sick unicorn and  
a pair of shoes. I got  
a silk umbrella two years  
ago but it is worn out  
and broken now. J. C. Eitz  
909 Arch St. Phila. has the  
measures for shoes. I got  
a pair there some time  
ago.

The foot ball game was  
an unhappy affair but  
was nothing like the first  
in the papers. The Phila  
Inquirer was the only  
paper which seemed to  
care to tell the truth

story of young Green's legs  
was untrue. His arm was  
broken accidentally, at  
least as I can see.

I have been elected  
an editor of the *Time*  
has published in London  
year by a committee  
of seven I showed you  
one of 57's publications  
at the meeting before  
that I was elected  
a member of the League  
man reception committee  
and High School for  
Washington's Birthday.  
I was nominated also  
for states but declined.

I am glad, after  
post-see training in  
over, to get back to  
my new club in 1900.

most of these eating  
clubs are among the  
most pleasant in  
the city.

Love much to  
you  
E. J.



Princeton N. J.  
Nov. 5, '86

Dear Papa,

It is snowing hard  
and were it not for  
drifting, there might  
be sleighing.

Prof. Shultz preached this  
morning a sermon, not  
very practical on the  
text, "who is my neighbor."  
There was communion in  
the village churches after  
the service.

Dr. McKee has written a  
letter of apology to  
Harrison. Life is attractive  
and we are

Twenty-two subjects in  
general history have been  
given us to prepare for  
examination. They will re-  
quire much work. Besides  
I have a thesis to write  
on "Slavery in Antiquity".  
I had a discussion with  
the French tutor the other  
day which I fear may  
leave my grade under  
him.

The Independent's editorial  
on the foot-ball game  
was a too pardonable  
if were taxed as fact  
the writer could not be  
seen the game know  
thing of the success of  
game, and evidently trust  
to the newspaper report  
for his ideas of the game.

I believe there are only  
two bar-rooms in the  
town and the college  
rule say "No student shall  
frequent any place where  
intoxicating liquors are  
sold as a beverage."

Public drunkenness is rare,  
although there is at times  
private drinking at  
other colleges, perhaps.

A case of scarlet fever  
was discovered in one  
of the entries of Common  
Hall, and the other en-  
trances of the entry  
promptly closed and  
I have today that this  
is another case in  
University Hall. Some no-  
tice is being given  
today in some of

leave from Waterbury  
when I return. It would  
be a bad time for a  
epidemic, so near to  
seasonal.

With much love  
Yours  
H.

Princeton, N. J.

Dec. 12, 1886.

Dear Papa,

I received the draft on Tuesday. Thank you.

Dr. Theodore Cuyler was present to say. I heard him last evening. He is an old fashioned man, with a peculiar head and jaw. His voice is very harsh and he does not hesitate to use its volume. His gestures are also peculiar and he shuts his eyes frequently when he is talking.

Examinations begin on the

23rd at noon. We have eight  
in our division, Sunday being  
the only day we are free.

The Phila. Times has been  
giving some space to the  
Huntingdon Post Office. One  
has access to all the pa-  
pers in hall, besides the pa-  
pers and a good library.

It is warm and rain-  
ing to day. There has been  
snow on the ground all  
week, six inches or more.

It is melting now.

Scarlet-fever has not spread  
at all. The faculty took  
precautions and there is  
the one case. A committee  
of the faculty looks after  
the man.

The Independent has taken  
quite a strong position.

edition It did not treat  
Prof. Young's letter as a  
spectable paper about as a  
reliable paper should. Every  
one of Young's statements was  
substantially true. Almost  
every statement in the inde-  
pendent article was false

with much less.

Yours truly

Wm





Princeton, N. J.  
Jan 7, 1857.

Dear Papa,

My train was half an hour late in Philadelphia. The same friend on the train John Messinger was going to Boston for new Lectures. Rankin Miller was on the same train. I came to college next morning. It is pleasant to get back but I think it would be hard for me to be always away from home. Look begins the movement to return to the land.

Three recitations already  
My report came last  
day morning and I  
took the liberty to  
open it I find by in-  
quiry that I stood first  
in the class before we  
stood above me last  
year. I beat by one  
point the one and one I  
am alone in the first  
general group but I was  
above him and he ran  
above me last year

There is some dissatis-  
faction in the class  
as to the three higher groups  
are to have "Kangri" in  
front the remainder of  
the year. As he is wholly  
incapable of looking up  
front and confuses me

and in grading and moving  
ing, the man of high class  
protect against him by  
the nature of the business  
ment of his class to be  
not to ousted.

Patton has Dr. Hodge's  
class in the Seminary  
but can not fill the  
place as Hodge did.

My college bill was  
to near \$180 than \$120  
as I had anticipated  
Fortunately the check  
will cover all and  
last the term through  
at least.

Thanks to my Christ  
mas presents my view  
is improved in appear-  
ance. I could not  
bring one of them  
and I was very

brought several which  
I care especially to  
read.

With much love,  
Your son,  
Rob.

I passed Mr. W. G. at  
the street this morning  
and in his ordinary  
way he wished me  
happy New Year.

Princeton N. J.

Jan. 16. '87

Dear Papa,

The sleighing is gone and today is wet and cloudy. The Dean preached a very good sermon this morning on the "Presence of God and the Man of God" He writes well, but his aim in the pulpit is unbecomingly low.

We have Greek this term with S. Stankoff Davis, who was at one time pastor at Spruce Creek and who knows some Huntington people - Mr. Davis, Mr. David

Blair and some few others.  
He is a peculiar man, with  
a woman's heart and a  
child's sympathy; nothing  
stern or resolute as men  
call men like you, about  
him.

Prof. Patton was delivered  
his Memorial Address on  
Doctor Hodge next Sabbath  
morning. There was to be a  
meeting of the Directors of  
the Seminary on Tuesday  
to provide for his vacan-  
cy, which Patton to be  
nearly full.

I have been busy the  
past week on an extra-  
curricular debate and choosing  
the subjects for the class  
prayer meetings for the  
remainder of the year.

duty, which falls to the  
Committee of which I  
am chairman.

There will be produced  
after that another play  
by the dramatic Associa-  
tion. I have been offer-  
ed the first role open  
but am in doubt about  
accepting it so much as  
too much is involved in  
such things.

Wies has given me a  
letter of introduction to  
Henry George, whom I  
want to see for infor-  
mation of the date  
for Feb. 22.

With much love,

Yours son  
Rob





Sancton 27  
Jan. 23, '87.

Dear Papa

It is a beautiful day  
today, saw that the trees  
are bare, and it is pleas-  
antly cool.

Bro. William H. ...  
Margaret Chapel this morn-  
ing his memorial address  
to Dr. Hodge. It was a  
hour in delivery, but I vol-  
untarily have listened a  
few more. Dr. Patten has a  
marling voice but it fits  
well some of his things. The  
sentences. The best preacher  
I ever heard here had some  
quality of voice which

companied some peculiarity of  
itself.

Dr. Waldstein and Prof. Ra-  
biani are lecturing here at  
least on "Pheidias", "Mico-  
angelo", and "Recent Excavations  
at Rome".

There will be a college for  
women here in the fall.

It is reported that a number of  
young ladies will be added  
and the whole called "Emory  
College". It will be in effect  
"Winston Annex", corresponding  
to Harvard's, as far  
of the instruction will be  
given by an instructor.

Dr. Warfield of Allegheny  
Theological Seminary is to suc-  
ceed Dr. Hodge's place. Dr. Hodge  
itself was a professor there  
before Princeton was founded.

At the recent conference  
between the trustees and the  
largest number of votes obtained  
any one could have

A conference committee was  
elected from the student  
yesterday. The purpose is to  
meet with the faculty com-  
mittee to consider courses  
and their remedies. It  
is to be a meeting between  
faculty and students. It is  
to be the scheme which is  
advocated by the trustees.  
The faculty is somewhat back  
at Harvard and at Duke.

With much love,

Your son,

Rob.



Princeton, N. J.

Feb. 1 1911

Dear Papa,

I have not written you  
for so long because my  
letters are with the Post  
office in New York from  
Friday evening until Monday  
morning - it is a friend  
I saw Henry George; talked  
to him a while and he  
gave me a book. I can't  
be the secretary of the National  
Land and Labor League.  
He, too, gave me papers and  
information. Then I had a  
long talk with a socialist,  
and another with a ...

on the other side of the  
line. Had a very pleasant  
time. On Sabbath I went in  
the morning to hear Dr.  
Conrad, in the evening to  
the church, and the great  
Bible school.

In the afternoon took a walk  
over the city, visiting  
the churches and the  
Bible school. All the  
time was well occupied.

On the debate day, he  
did not spend much  
time on it.

There is war between  
the French people and  
the English. He  
demanded that we  
should have a vote in  
the translation of the

... and ... but ...  
... would take ...  
... which would take  
three or four hours.

... to do it, after  
behaving all the time ...  
... it ...  
... weeks ...  
... threats ...  
... remains ...  
... lost ...

Mr. Freeman ...  
... advised them to ...  
... write me a letter ...  
... in ... I do  
think Mr. Freeman ...  
... of the iron ...

Occasionally I send a  
letter to the ...  
... receive a ...

Dear Sir,

I have written that the  
arranged the Lake  
I should like to work  
with the firm again  
I would like to see  
you in the way of  
arrangement

Yours  
Very truly  
Yours



Princeton, N. J.  
Feb. 13, 1887.

Dear Papa,

Today is beautiful and clear  
but cold and windy. I took  
a long walk yesterday to find  
a hill and succeeded in find-  
ing one not so high as the  
mountain at home. The mountain  
is very low here, although  
this is the highest point in  
the State. Philadelphia and New  
York.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Cleveland  
a young man and a recent  
graduate of College and University  
arrived this morning. As I  
know Dr. Pastor's address, I  
will send an enclosure to him.

was the most remarkable  
...  
Although it was over an hour  
long, not a person seemed  
to move or take his attention  
off the preacher. The college  
striving hard to shake itself  
for a religious awakening.  
...  
it is the coming back to  
of something which ought  
to have been...

I have an invitation to  
...  
evening. He is the son of  
...  
the Messrs Stockton last year  
...  
name of Stockton is better  
than a title in New Jersey.

I have to work much on  
the prize debate. I am now  
studying the present land

to stand on firm enough ground to stand on I shall attack both systems. My present opinion is to believe the theories of Edward George and Herbert Spencer in order that I may use them as my own. I am the first speaker on the application; can last some time in all; - twenty minutes; - which seems very short; there are four tables one from each class; the question, "Resolved, that the working-classes have gained as great a benefit from the introduction of a distinct Robo, as from the Journal, was a discussion. I still have the paper. It can be seen and folding of it.

pages more such as to indicate  
only that the article might  
have reached your hands  
I am sure it if you do  
not see it

With much love,  
your own  
Dad

Princeton, N. J.

Feb. 27, 1877

Dear Papa,

It is a cool, clear, windy day. About four inches of snow fell yesterday morning and it rained all afternoon, so today the washing is bad.

Dr. Dana, of West Philadelphia, preached this morning. Prof. Emis supplied his pulpit in Phila. I met Dr. Furbush of the Sunday School here several weeks ago.

Washington's Birthday was well celebrated and some social festivities preceded it. College at once killed down

I have had to learn to do  
that there was no time to  
spend in the gymnasium.  
I have begun to go regularly  
now. I weighed 174 pounds  
yesterday, day, stripped, and was  
between 39 and 40 inches  
around the chest. For the  
first time in years the  
muscles in my arms and legs  
are me. I put some tension  
on it and the irritation  
away, but recover the rest  
of it in some time.  
I have been sleeping for  
ten hours lately to make  
up for lost sleep. Nature  
to demand repayment of  
that has been borrowed.

I have a little more time  
to read now, and have  
taken from the library some

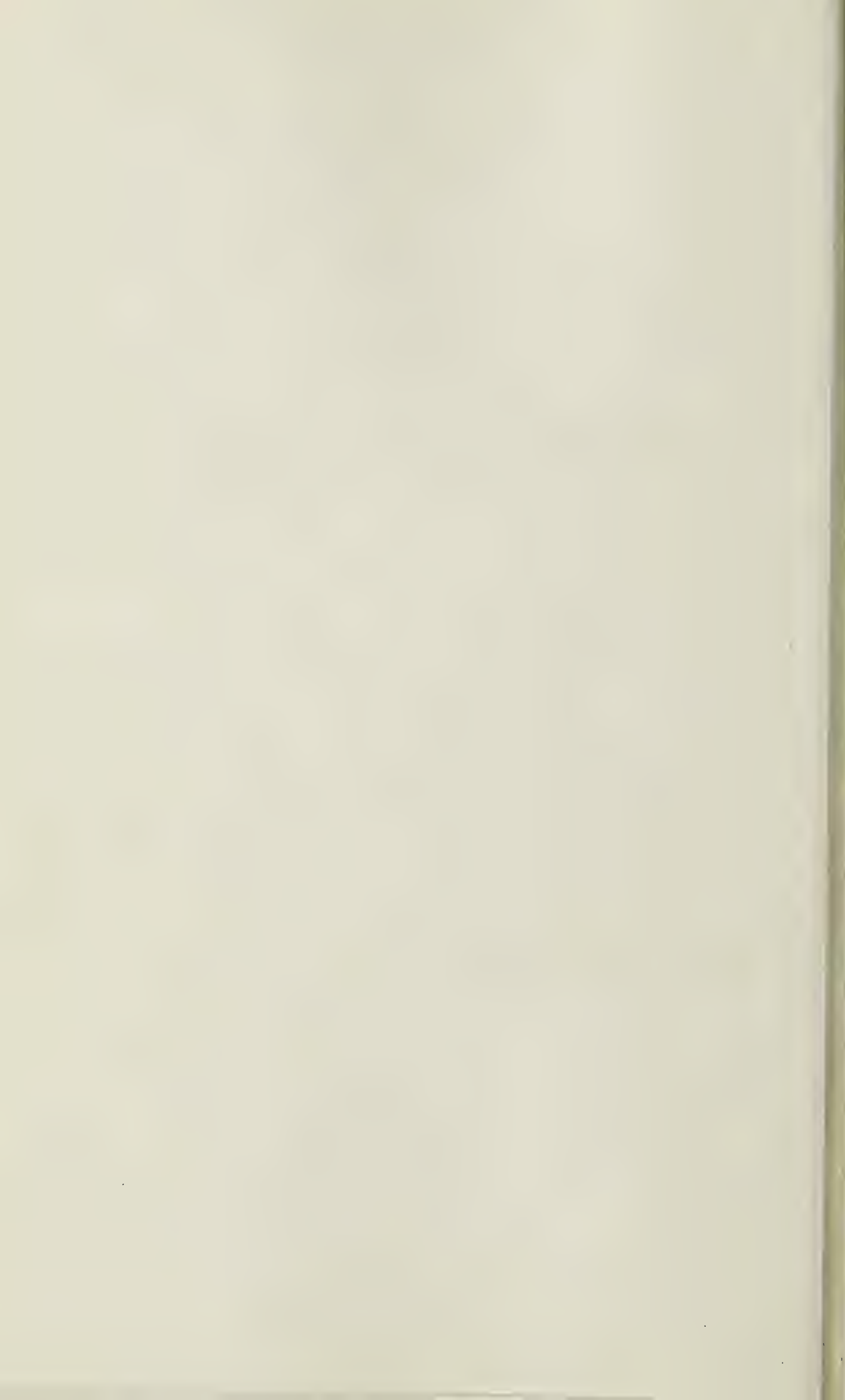
of Cole ridge, Colch and the vicinity;

A new Art building is to be erected this year. The most collections have been offered and much interest is shown in the same. Dr. Wood has managed to secure funds and he is a good beggar, so the \$50,000 necessary was not difficult to procure. The Alumni seem to be taking a greater interest in college matters than ever before. It is the hope to see Mcintosh's interest in the Alumni.

With much love,

Your son

Robt.





Brunston, N. J.  
March 5, '87.

Dear Papa,

March comes clad in  
clouds. Today is the agree-  
able, with sleek and fog.

The Dean preached the  
morning on the "Efficiency  
of Faith."

I saw Judge Hunt last  
evening. He came to the  
synagogue with his two  
sons while I was exer-  
cising there. He said he  
had seen you in Philadel-  
phia.

I spoke before Prof. Rogerson  
on Monday the 1st. My  
voice is full and strong.

has a nasal twang, which  
can remedy by certain  
nasal exercises to be given  
next term to an optician  
at class. As to my bearing  
grace and manner, he  
said they were much the  
best of an on watching  
to's Birthday, when of no  
necessity they had to be  
natural and uncontrived  
and the graces, extempore  
various. I was about the  
through my speech when  
time was up.  
By looking over some  
statistics yesterday I found  
that Princeton has furnished  
more representatives in Cong.  
than she has lawyers. How  
Montan who in reality, the  
Blindfold, is not,

has in 77. The results of the  
highest state office are held  
by Lincoln graduate in  
New Jersey.

Master W. Pherson was  
made a member of the  
Mass a week ago. He looks  
as only men who were to  
as see. Long list in town  
and greater and more  
about, but some  
in the state a constitution  
less greater but as only  
in 'tho'.

A visitor Prof. Davis  
last Sunday evening, and  
found his room in some  
confusion with paper and  
blank sheets scattered  
around. He is a peculiar  
man very quiet and

He seemed to have known  
Mr. David Blair very well,  
and repeatedly asked about  
his "two daughters".

The claims of foreign mis-  
sionaries would have been  
pressed home earnestly to  
many men in this college  
in the last few days. The  
claims seem to me rather  
palatable, but formidable.

With much love,

Yours

Princeton, N. J.,  
March 13, '87.

Dear Papa,

Today has been somewhat like spring, a slight shower falling this evening. The weather seems to have some effect on Princeton congregations. Dr. Baker, of Philadelphia, spoke today.

The prospectus of Evelyn College, the female college to be started in the fall, has been printed. The expenses are high \$100 for board and tuition alone, in the collegiate department. The faculties will consist of men from the University.

The instruction was to you  
that the charges are too  
high. The college is intended  
for the higher education  
of women.

Vic wants to go to India  
because Mr. Elliot has  
told him about it. She  
was there a year or so  
and was weekly taken  
away. I think she was  
fond of Vic yet in his  
habit at home she had  
it never to for him to  
see himself, and even if  
he should get out of his  
habit, it would do no good  
unless he should get  
habit in that place. I  
think it will do him good  
to go away but not to  
India. That was my plan.

The further away from home  
he goes, the more homesick  
he will be; and the more  
homesick, the harder he  
will work, and the more  
earnestly he will think of  
other matters, he will have  
to settle soon. I think the  
best course would be for  
him to know directly from  
you that if he stops thinking  
and acting foolishly and  
works and thinks earnestly  
and seriously, he may go  
away in the fall. Vic looks  
at everything he wishes as  
an end until he gets it,  
and then he has something  
beyond. The trouble now consists  
in his regarding preparatory  
school as a goal, with nothing  
beyond. He must be

that a schoar away from home  
is to be bought be good  
to come at home. but that  
comes to him as a means  
to fit him for something  
I do think, then, that it  
will be his good to go  
to school west face and to  
New England, he to make the  
choice and to see the  
probability.

The exception on the ship he  
goes I have not heard from  
since since Feb. 11. He may  
have gone on some vessel  
but must have

March 14

He's letter from west this



Princeton, N. J.  
March 20, 47.

Dear Papa,

I was sent to Philadelphia yesterday afternoon by the New England Reservation composed of all alumni of New England Preparatory School who are at present in Princeton. The transcript was probably come down from Providence. I was with them over an hour in the afternoon. The train is not so very convenient, and it would be much more satisfactory to have the road run, as is now proposed, through Princeton. Pr

Garrett was here a day or two, the early part of the week. Dr. McCosh attended to him carefully and the sum was enough to complete the new Art Building, \$8000. The College could use much more than that.

Marshall delivered a memorable lecture on the "Mormons" on Monday evening.

Bishop, the mind reader, was here last evening and did things which could hardly be believed unless seen. Every thing of any importance which has been mentioned in the papers is done by him. I saw him do last night what was important to have a consideration,

to do a thing really fairly,  
and openly. It was wonderful  
free. I almost believe now  
that there is connection  
between mind and flesh  
and matter, which has  
been unknown heretofore.

He opened a safe of whose  
existence and combination  
of whose lock he could  
have had no knowledge  
by holding the coat of  
a man familiar with  
the combination, and who  
thought intently on each  
step as Bishop would  
it out, blindfolded all  
the while, Bishop did other  
things seen more wonderful.

The picture of Dr. McLaughlin  
the Centurion was not a  
good one of him as he

appears now. It was good  
possible, in his younger  
days the same is not to  
be had as in the present  
time is an article in  
the common literature of  
our day at Princeton.  
You should read it. It  
must be taken cum grano  
salis. The writer did not have  
opportunities to see the  
whole subject he is concerned  
with much less  
Yours son

Princeton N. J.

March 27, 1857

Dear Papa,

The week has been regular and un-  
interrupted. I read several books, was  
in a debate and wrote a speech. The ban-  
quet of the New England Association  
will be next Saturday evening. I  
shall respond to the toast on Anti-  
slavery. Dr. Brewster will be here from  
Andover, and we shall all be glad  
to see him. Mr. Comstock came down  
last year. We have as yet received  
no substantial fruits of the great  
and hardly expect to receive any.  
Little organization between our friends  
here and the heads of New England  
abolition. Most of Princeton growth has  
been within the last year of year  
and few New England men understand  
our present position. Princeton is one  
of the best equipped institutions in  
the land, but Dr. McLoach owes like the  
daughter of the barren land and is a  
man without a plan.

Dr. Comstock possessed the "wisdom of an  
unknown god." He is pompous but  
honest, half deluded, but I can take  
out some pleasure as long as he  
is not a hypocrite.

In reading a sketch of Dr. Duffell  
the other day I found that he was  
born at McCounsellburg, Fulton Co.  
Pa. in 1823. He is, perhaps, the most  
popular man on the faculty. He is  
the most saint like man I ever saw  
to never angry and seems always to  
have kind sympathies for things that  
he sees. An alarm clock carried  
into his room in an over coat  
pocket went off in the middle of  
itiation. His strongest business was  
tear.

I have changed my eating club,  
because the moral tone of my present  
club is so unpropitious and un-  
healthful, low.

I take an hour's exercise daily  
sleep about eight hours.

With kind regards

Dear Papa,

I wrote the foregoing letter this morning. I have something more to write now. This has been the crucial day of my life, and I have to write to you about it. Ever since a boy I have drifted toward the profession of law as my life work because I thought it was what you wanted me to be especially after your extended journaling but I have come to a new conclusion to day I am going to be a foreign missionary. I have placed myself intentionally where I can now draw back I have signed a paper saying "that I am willing and desirous, for the

any" God says he. I should be  
ashamed of myself if I stay  
in this country, while millions of  
heaven perish daily, and "their blood  
is on my head." I write now to  
cancel my decision well, of course,  
affect my whole conduct, thought  
and feeling, and your course of  
and blessing will help me; for  
must go. If it seems hard to you  
God has loved the world that he  
gave his only begotten son." I am  
decided, Papa, I can't do anything  
else. Please write to me at once  
have written brokenly but I am  
not brokenly settled - but firmly  
I am I am I am



Providence, R.I.  
April 10, 1851.

Dear Father,

There is no interest except time for myself  
in this for my part. I think it is  
the case when so far the progress is  
considerably attached to the business of the  
country, and understand the progress  
of the sense of duty, respect to the  
law in the sense of privilege, and this  
country has and perhaps has in the  
past been on the whole, I think in  
progress in the past.

Examinations began this morning  
most difficult cases tomorrow and  
most are not hard.

Dr. Bancroft came down on Monday  
and returned yesterday. He was much  
tired, and ill.

The youngest son of Judge Deering,  
Pottier has invited me to go, with  
him and spend the week.

The Spring vacation I have been  
and his kind invitation, although  
I had a great deal of work  
I stayed here. I had another  
invitation to spend the time in  
the

I have been elected a member of  
the Princetonian for the year begin-  
ning April 6.

There is enclosed a small chart of  
the people of the parish. It is not  
worth looking at.

Mr. Banquet passed off well. The  
service was very well received.

Hursey Petribin wrote me a  
letter of Dan's death.

With much love  
Yours truly  
R.

The College Price for next term will be  
about \$105. I think \$175 will cover  
my clothes.

Princeton, N. J.

April 23, '89.

Dear Papa,

I found your letter

with drugs enclosed. Thank

you for it.

A great deal of interest

was aroused in regard

to your condition and

of course I hope soon to

have you my home for

your study and meditation.

A great deal of interest

is shown here in relation

to you.

I am desirous of two  
college associations and  
am associated with the  
University of Toronto so  
that I have no more  
college friends of these  
associations. I shall be  
glad to get rid of them.

Tuesday morning at the  
College. Mr. W. H. Wood  
has just that there was no  
official connection between  
Princeton College and any  
other institution in the place  
with the object of forming  
an independent college.

Now abroad that English  
College has some connection  
with Toronto College in  
management. There is some  
I do not know and  
chance and things seem  
to have been again inter-  
rupted.

I have ascertained that  
the position to which I  
have been elected on the  
Protestant is the same  
If the paper is well man-  
aged, as I understand  
to wish about thirty  
dollars a year. I have  
delivered about one hundred

and reply.

I met young Barn at  
the Broad Street Station  
Wednesday afternoon  
her at 5:45. and had  
something arranged and  
ready for work as soon  
as it was assigned. Can  
have the meeting in the  
city.

I should have liked to go  
to New Brunswick today  
a delegate of the Young  
Men's Christian Association  
but it may not be convenient  
with much delay.

Had written and sealed the  
foregoing letter and just before  
dropping it in box saw you  
come to me and kept it back  
I wrote you a postal from Gi-  
rand this afternoon. After writing  
that, I went down to the  
office where I believe the  
had appeared and it was sheet  
up. Working at 1 on Saturday  
Mary said he had said he  
was going on Murphy's engine-  
cooper on the Medina road. I  
met Mary and Marie - providential-  
ly on the street. <sup>He</sup> ~~He~~ had  
had half a month's pay advanced  
to him <sup>and was going to leave this morning, so he</sup> ~~and was going to leave this morning, so he~~  
Mary had offered him <sup>to go home</sup> ~~to go home~~ <sup>to go home</sup> ~~to go home~~  
to go home. He had refused. <sup>He had refused.</sup> ~~He had refused.~~  
I had seen him, he might have  
come out to Oceanview ~~road~~

no. It is too late now, and  
it may be that in the end  
it is God's doing and we  
can't understand it, but it  
will be for the best. His  
will have been to work, or  
to give relief to some of  
us, changed. I think he is  
not to take care of himself,  
and it may be better for him  
to be where he is than see  
the influences he can exert in  
Huntingdon. "Come rest me,  
and ye that labor and are  
heavy laden and I will  
give you rest."

Lovingly,

Your son  
John

Saturday, Feb 1



Pineau, N. J.

April 30, 87.

Dear Papa,

I received your letter yesterday and thought I had better to go to the adoptions today. It is hard to recover the ground lost by going out of town. Apparently Vic did not go to the Engineering Corps. He will soon get tired, but will probably think he has gone too far to go home. I will see you soon.

would not go down to meet  
me and be with me  
with me. It could do so  
under me as I have  
too, and go down to the  
business as in a moment  
Perhaps Providence intended  
however, that he had to  
go with circumstances  
where, without disturbance to  
will be forced to give  
some thing. It is possible  
for me to get off from the  
and carry it over time  
that if I can understand me

to go to Washington you  
need only send your  
reply to get the  
to Washington it seems  
to me, he has a conversation  
to them it is desired that  
he should not be left as  
to now is, the only  
dancer in to have his  
dancer with some  
can. He would prefer  
less more than to  
me. I have believe the  
change in all ways  
I have of said, how  
to the the other

part to his the cause of  
the independence and the high  
to success than before. etc.  
I should position - towards  
be not dangerous. It is  
then that if he were not  
said at some time he had  
better, came here to discuss  
Meanwhile "the effectual, because  
purposes of a righteous cause  
completely much".

Your loving son  
Hos

Princeton N. J.

May 7, '87.

Dear Papa,

It is a foggy, rainy day and I am spending the afternoon in my room. Three mail trains start on the way to home. They may reach home tomorrow, Sabbath morning.

At the last convention of the Young Men's Christian Association of New Jersey held at New Brunswick I was elected a member.

The State Executive Committee  
and put in charge of the  
work in the Institution  
of learning throughout the  
State. Yesterday I went to  
Newark to the meeting of  
the Committee. There were  
near there all men some  
myself. It was grand. These  
men were all in deep  
earnest to do God's best  
work. There were a young  
man there who had started  
out to lose 20,000  
dollars and he is being  
helped by the young men

as a Missionary. It made  
me feel like jumping right  
up and shouting for the  
honor. I am going to get  
rid of the college affairs  
I had and go on for  
this. There is no work like  
it. The world has no  
work like the selection  
of young men or the ever  
judgment of the heathen.  
I believe I am called to  
the latter. I don't know  
I could get out of it if  
I wanted to. You know  
how to do it. You know

back over my throat and  
peaceful life every important  
step seems to me to have  
been God's doing, and I  
don't see how there could  
have been any other re-  
sult than the one reached  
by reaction to the sur-  
vival, and the further  
reaction to his work. In  
a black space of 856 million  
there is one white spot. There  
is duty. There is how I to  
know God is watching over  
us.

Yours  
Lester



Princeton, N. J.

May 14, 1887.

Dear Papa,

I received a postal card from Aunt Minnie this afternoon saying that Victor had returned. It was the natural outcome. He will be the better man from it.

The last week has been very pleasant and warm. Today was rather cool. I was in New York several times to get a number of letters.

I met Dr. Woodley a week  
or more ago and he in-  
vited me to call here to  
have not had time and so  
he goes to the Presbyterian  
General Assembly tomorrow.  
I believe it will be impossible  
to see him.

I have written to Geo this  
evening just as though he  
had not gone away as he  
has. He will be see right  
now.

I write as usual on  
Robert Owen's good ideas.

lost week I had a col-  
le in the loss "The Advertiser"  
The religious organ of the  
college and shall write on  
or two for the next as the  
salutation of the Managing  
Editor

Mr. Brauer was in town  
at the Seminary Commencement  
that last Tuesday. I did  
not go to see him. The  
was the 75th Commencement  
of the Seminary and the  
class was the largest that  
we had of 188

related from the Seminary

We have a Missionary Club  
which meets every Sabbath

to read and discuss some  
piece of Missionary work.

It is a profitable study,  
India especially and part of  
China seem so far to be  
the most needy.

Respectfully

Yours truly

Paul

Letter to Papa or Grandmother

Princeton, N. J.

May 23, '87.

Dear Papa,

I wrote to you twice last week in what seemed to me the wisest tone and he answered me at once in a way that if I ever achieve his success in life and be more than I am.

Mary is very much delighted with her prospective trip to Europe and as it will be the best trip do you good. I could wish nothing better. College Commencement comes in

I shall be home probably the  
day or next. Still if you  
desire it, I can come home  
several days before that.

A friend of mine had two  
of his sister's friends here on  
Saturday to see the game  
of base ball. Among them was  
a close mate of Mary's. I  
took her to the game.

Dr. Patton preached yester-  
day morning, and Drs. 3<sup>rd</sup> C  
and Duffield conducted the  
Communion service in the  
afternoon.

I have long intended

good Bill. I have only the  
one left me by Mamma and  
the old yellow one out of  
our Church Rec. It has the  
family autographs, is written  
in childish hands, and the  
carbene imprints of our Gen  
tree for collection. I have  
it marked a great deal and  
I wanted another. I have had  
it now. The best one I can  
get. I was a prize for an  
essay on "Robert Burns" -  
I had last week, which was  
procured a fine, inter leaved one  
I received a fine letter  
from Samuel Blair from

California, today, congratulates

me on my choice of a  
life-work.

I find new riches in the  
Bible every day.

Your loving son,

Rob.



Grand Ave.

4:30. 23d

Dear Papa.

Got your letter at one this afternoon.  
Left at 140. Arrived here at 4. Saw Mary  
on street. She says he has gone. He probably went  
this morning. Am going now to Thompson at  
the P. R. R. office, 233 S. 4<sup>th</sup> St., to see. He was probably  
gone. Was registered for lodging at the Girard &  
left this morning. It may be the best thing for  
him. God will take care of him.

Rowing Co. Prof.



Dear Papa & Hoffman  
2 June  
1877

Huntingdon, Pa.  
June 26, '87.

Dear Papa,

We are getting along  
nicely.

Mr. Adams was up for  
a short time yesterday aft-  
ernoon. Frank had return-  
ed Friday or Saturday  
morning, much impressed  
with the severity of the  
entrance examinations. He  
had not tried all the Greek.  
The authorities at Princeton  
have signified their willing-  
ness to permit me to  
give Harry Freeman his  
examination here. It will  
save him and his father

trip to Pittsburg.

I was in to see teacher  
Ben Gobbins last evening.  
He seemed cheerful and  
confident of an early  
covery.

I received a letter this  
morning from a friend  
urging me to go to Mr.  
Moody's school at Northfield  
for the next two weeks.  
It would be a rich  
experience.

Victor attended church and  
Sabbath School this morning.  
He and Stacey Henry and  
Fisher Bailey are endeavor-  
ing to go camping this  
week up Stone Creek. It  
is a safe region and  
will keep them out of  
bad company.

son is very quiet. The  
ripples caused by the Cir-  
cus have died away on  
the shores and every one  
is sleeping away his life,  
as before.

With much love, to  
you and to Mary,  
Your son,  
Rob.



ROBERT E. SPEER  
ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

To

